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SUBJ: TARAPUR: REQUEST FOR ENRICHED URANIUM

REF: STATE 043294

HAVE LETTER DATED FEB 24 FROM J.C. SHAH RESPONSIVE TO REFTTEL.
IAEC UNDER STANDS THESE DATA WILL BE USED IN PUBLIC HEARINGS SO
THEY MAY BE DECLASSIFIED ON RECEIPT. RELUVANT PORTION SHAH LETTER
FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

A) THE NUMBER OF FRESH FUEL ASSEMBLIES REMAINING AT TAPS AFTER
THE CURRENT REFUELLING OF UNIT 2 IF 104.

B) THERE ARE NO ASSEMBLIES IN TRANSIT FROM NFC TO TAPS AT
THE MOMENT.

C. THE URANIUM INVENTORY POSITION AT NFC IS AS UNDER:

I) FRESH U AS UF6 ..NIL
II) COMPLETED ASSEMBLIES ..NIL
III) AS RODS ..0.6 TONNES
IV) IN PROCESS AS U01 FINISHED PELLETS, GREEN PELLETS ETC. ..21.8
TONNES

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V) AS SCRAP ..1.7 TONNES

THE ABOVE INVENTORIES ARE IN LINE WITH THOSE ASSESSED BY MR
KIEFER AND DR LAST.

ANY DELAY IN DELIVERY OF FRESH UF6 WILL INITIALLY AFFECT ONLY
THE CONVERSION FACILITY (EUOP) AT NFC, AS INDEED IS THE CASE SINCE

EARLY FEBRUARY 1978 WHEN ALL AVAILABLE FRESH UF6 HAD BEEN CONSUMED. THE RATE OF PRODUCTION IN THIS FACILITY, NOW USING ONLY SCRAP, IS AROUND 20 PCT OF NORMAL. THE FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY, ON THE OTHER HAND WILL CONINUE ON NORMAL PRODUCTION FOR A LITTLE LONGER ON THE UO2 MADE FROM FRESH UF2 SO FAR. SOME 21 ASSEMBLIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCED IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS WHEN EFFP GOES ON UO2 PRODUCED FROM SCRAP IN LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, ITS OUTPUT WILL ALSO GET SEVERELY CURTAILED.

WE HAVE NOTED THE INTENTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE PART I OF THE LAST-KIEFER REPORT AS MODIFIED BY MY LETTER NO.1 OF JULY 4, 1977 TO YOU AND WE AGREE TO ITS RELEASE. UNQUOTE.

RESPONSIVE TO PARA "E" REFTEL U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE NOT REP NOT MADE ANY TECHNICAL INSPECTION NFC OR TAPS TO DETERMINE FURTHER FUEL NEEDS SINCE LAST-KIEFER REPORT. COURTNEY

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